(b) Yes, Sir. The cash loss is expected to be reduced from Rs. 83.86 crores in 1991-92 to about Rs. 58 crores in 1992-93.

(c) There has been a decline in the daily earning of DTC on its city services in September and October, 1992. The daily average income of DTC on city services during Sept., 92 was Rs. 44.29 lakhs whereas in Oct., 92 it was Rs. 40.67 lakhs only.

(d) Government have been continuously monitoring the performance of DTC with a view to improve its functioning. Increase in fuel efficiency and tyre life, reduce the number of break-downs by better maintenance practice, and economy in expenditure have been some of the measures regularly being undertaken. Plugging leakage of revenue is another measure which DTC undertakes through effective checking. Speedy disposal of scrap, route rationalisation are other measures being taken to augment the DTC revenues.

Sethusamundram Canal Project

2564. SHRI PASUMPON THAKIRUTTINAN :

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from the Tamil Nadu Government regarding the Sethusamundram Canal Project;

(b) whether Government propose to implement the project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) A letter had been received from the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal in the 8th Five Year Plan.

Road Fatalities in Delhi

2565. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi accounts for more road fatalities than Bombay, Calcutta and Madras put together;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof during the last three years and till date; and

(c) what steps Govt. have taken or propose to take to reduce road fatalities in Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of fatalities are as under :—

Cities	Years			
	1989	1990	1991	1992
Delhi	1583	1670	1820	1581 (Upto 15-11-92)
Bombay	444	400	365	288 (Upto 30-9-92)
Calcutta	468	463	452	N.A.
Madras	413	507	428*	N.A.

*(Fatal accidents, No. of total fatalities not available).